(b) what would be the composition of this body; and

(c) what would be the powers and responsibilities of the said Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The Government propose to set up a National Security Council (NSC) under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister to consider all aspects of National security in a coordinated and comprehensive manner.

(b) and (c) The Government have not taken a final view in this regard, so far.

Responsibility of implementation of educational programme

86. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to a report published in the Telegraph of 18th February, 1990 wherein the view expressed by Dr. P. L. Malhotra, the outgoing Director of the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) that the responsibility of implementing educational programmes and distributing finances for various schemes should be given to States rather than concentrating this power in the hands of the Department of Education at the Centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) This news report has come to the notice of Government. State Governments to play an important role in implementing educational programmes. In addition, the Education Department at the Centre also deals with certain aspects of education including their financing, such as Central Universities, Centrally sponsored schemes etc. The manner in which these roles should be harmoniously fulfilled is one in which the Planning Commission is significantly involved. All these aspects will be looked into by the Committee being set up to review the National Policy on Education, 1986.

Schemes for imparting training to women in Andhra Pradesh

87. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of schemes launched so far in Andhra Pradesh to impart trainnig to the women of weaker sections of society with a view to provide them jobs on long-term basis; and

(b) what is the number of women who have been provided jobs after the training so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) Under the NORAD Scheme (Norweign Agency for International Development), 33 projects have so far been launched in Andhra Pradesh involving 3370 women as beneficiaries.

Under the Scheme of setting up of training centres for rehabilitation of women in distress, 9 centres to benefit 640 women have been sanctioned in the last 3 years and upto date.